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Enclosed please find an Amendment in connection with U.S. Serial No. 10/009,693.

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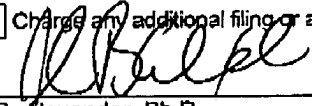
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Application No. 10/009,693		Filing Date December 10, 2001		Examiner S. M. Mayer	
				Art Unit 1653	
Applicant(s): Hiroyuki Kimura et al.					
Invention: NOVEL PROTEIN AND DNA THEREOF					
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Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated August 24, 2004 and request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.